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## U. S. Cancells, Postal History

### Austria Pictures Riverboat Mail

A mail-carrying "rowboat", vintage 1696, was chosen by the Austrian Postal Administration for the design of the 1954 "Day of the Postage Stamp" semi-postal. While the sale began on December 1, it was not until the 4th that the stamp was valid for postage.



In a denomination of 1 Schilling plus 25 groschen, and a moss green color, the surtax will provide funds for the promotion of Austrian stamps and philately. Ernest Schrom conceived the design; Georg Wimmer was responsible for the engraving.

According to Edwin Mueller of New York and the Austrian Postal Administration, the "Ulmer Ordinari" was a primitive boat propelled by long oars at each end, which made regular trips between Ulm in Württemberg and Vienna, Austria via the Danube River.

The first such boat began service on March 24, 1698 between Regensburg in Bavaria and Vienna. They carried passengers as well as mail and provided the first regular mail service on the Danube.

### Speaker, Grab-Bags For New York Women

On Thursday, December 16, at the Hotel Statler, the Women's Philatelic Society of New York will hold its regular meeting beginning at 8 p. m.

The speaker will be Mrs. Rae Ehrenberg, a member, who will show her prize winning collection of National TB Association Christmas Seals.

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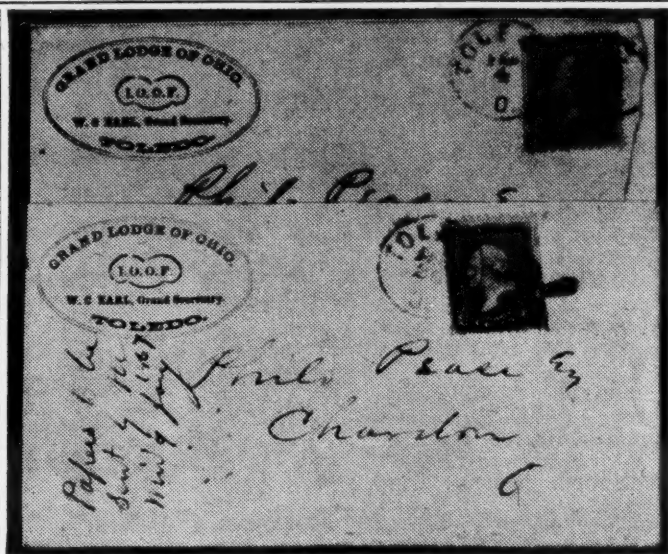
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**FANCY CANCELLATIONS FROM TOLEDO.** The above covers originated with the grand secretary, W. C. Earl, of the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge of Ohio, in Toledo. On the top cover the cancellation to the right of the usual postmark is a capital "T" in a circle. The bottom cover has a cross, resembling a plus mark, to the right of the postmark. Color of the ink on both covers is blue. Robert F. Molitor of Cleveland, Ohio, submitted them from his collection.

### Famous "Kicking Mules" Are Best Known Of All U.S. 19th Century Cancellations

Henry F. Walton, Jr. and Lee H. Cornell

The "Kicking Mule" is probably the best known of any single 19th century cancellation and for more than 30 years has been the subject of numerous articles in every philatelic publication in the country. Still many details regarding the "Mule" are comparatively unknown. In this article, an attempt will be made to present briefly the important facts relative to all of the uses of the Kicking Mule.

The Kicking Mule canceller was manufactured in San Francisco by C. A. Klinkner and Co. and sold to the postmasters of at least five different towns, and possibly more.

#### The Port Townsend Mules

The first use of the Mule was at Port Townsend, Wash. by Wm. H. H. Learned, who used it with three different types of townmarks, designated Type I, Type II and Type III. The earliest date use of any Mule is July 26, 1880, a Port Townsend Type I cancel (Fig. 1). This Type is identified by the sans-serif capital letters without a comma after "TOWNSEND" and with a rectangular period after "WASH".

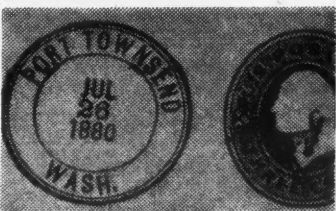


Figure 1—Port Townsend Type I

Type II is similar, but with a comma after "TOWNSEND" and a round period after "WASH". (Continued on page 16)

### UN Will Withdraw Commems From Sale

Effective March 1, two sets of stamps will be withdrawn from further sale by the United Nations Postal Administration. They are the 5c UN Day of October 1952, and the 3c and 5c Human Rights Day of December 1952.

The UN Philatelic Agency has announced that a total of 233,544 covers were given a first day cancellation of the UN day stamp of October last.

### Italian Seven Are Marian Year Issue

Italy on or about December 7 issued a seven-denomination set of commemoratives for the Marian Year which has just come to a close.

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C. D. Root

Sensing a need for an organization to promote research into the origins and history of the many unusual cancellations on the 19th century stamps of the United States, and to publish the information discovered, Harold Parker Johnson of Denver in 1938 began corresponding with a number of collectors he thought might be interested in helping him form a nation-wide club. One of the first to respond was William W. Reynolds of Albany, N. Y. At that time Mr. Reynolds was conducting the weekly column in Stamps magazine on U. S. Cancellations which had been started by Dr. William Evans.

Response from all parts of the country was prompt and favorable and soon the "U.S. Cancellation Club" was formed with the following as officers: president, William W. Reynolds; first vice president, Edward L. Oakes; second vice president, George Habbert; treasurer, Christian Wisings; secretary and Sales Manager, H. Parker Johnson.

Of the first thirty members thirteen still are active: H. Parker Johnson, Warner Bates, Wilbur W. Davis, P. T. Skove, Edwin Milliken, Burleigh E. Jacobs, Adolph Steeg, Dr. William E. Wilson, Chancy B. Palmer, Lee H. Cornell, E. N. Sampson, Mrs. Raymond W. Goodchild and Homer M. Smith.

No sooner was the club really started than a Sales Department was organized under the direction of Mr. Johnson. This department continues to be, from the standpoint of service to members, possibly the most important activity of the club, having provided a source of supply for members wanting to add items to their collections as well as an outlet for any surplus material they may have had. Many thousands of cancellations and covers have changed hands through this means. Members use it as buyers or as sellers or as both buyers and sellers.

Although no catalogue showing prices of United States cancellations in general is published a fairly stable market has been developed from the experience of this Sales Department along with records of prices realized at auctions during that time. The market is controlled by the laws of supply and demand and has been a story of continually increasing values.

The first few circuits contained 19th century stamps only. Soon it became apparent that covers, also, should be offered and arrangements for cover circuits were made. Also, in response to requests from members, 20th century material, both stamps and covers were included.

We see now, Stampless Covers of all types, Advertising Covers, Hotel Corner Cards, Covers showing the classic cancells as

well as the commoner numerals and letters of the 19th Century; from the 20th century, Exposition Post Marks, Naval and Ship Cancels, 1st Days, 1st Flights and in fact covers of almost every description.

Also in off-cover material we see everything from the 1847 issue to modern R.P.O.s, machine cancells, Postal Clerk numerals, Air Mail Postmarks and "Socked-on-the-Nose". Even some foreign stamps and covers have been handled.

Before the club was many years old a start for a library was made by taking the pages containing the Evans and Reynolds articles from a file of Stamps magazines which had been presented to the Club. These pages were then placed in two large three ring binders and have been circulating among the members ever since.

Our library has had a number of additions, mostly as gifts from the members and contains now many of the important works on Cancellations and Postal History. Among them are, NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS by Edwin Milliken; OB-LITERATIONS & MARQUES POSTALES des ETATS UNIS du 19th SIECLE by Michel Zareski; THE TALE OF THE KICKING MULE by Lee H. Cornell; THE GREAT MAIL by Leonard V. Huber & Clarence Wagner; BOSTON POSTAL MARKINGS TO 1890 by Maurice C. Blake and Wilbur W. Davis; 19th CENTURY UNITED STATES FANCY CANCELLATIONS by Herst-Zareski.

Also all bulletins of the WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY GROUP of the WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS; U. S. POSTAL SLOGANS by Moe Luff; RAPID CANCELLING MACHINES; MANUFACTURERS AND IMPRESSIONS by K. F. & V. M. Olson; REGISTER OF SHIPS AND POSTMARKS of the U. S. NAVY by Joseph Frayne and Deane Bartley; SHIPS of the U. S. NAVY LOST & DAMAGED IN WORLD WAR II WITH KNOWN POSTMARKS by Frayne & Bartley; SHIPS & (Continued on page 12)

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The Paid Markings  
on the  
3c U.S. Stamp of 1861

George W. Linn

## CHAPTER ONE

There is a certain fascination in building a specialized collection, and in the study and search necessary for its completion. The thrill of a new find gives me as much pleasure as the fisherman gets from landing a ten pound bass or as the golfer gets from a hole in one.

That, then, must be my only excuse for the study I am now making. I have no knowledge that the subject I have chosen has ever before been given the attention that I have given it.

That is the main reason why I have chosen the group of PAID cancels for a collection and special study. The PAID markings in their many varieties are the outgrowth of the most natural of all early Postal Markings, originating with the "Manuscript" PAIDS which come on early Stampless Covers, perhaps at the same period as the Rate Markings, both in manuscript.

However, for the time being, I am confining my study primarily to the PAID Handstamps used on the 3c stamp of the issue of 1861. Many that appear on the stamp of 1861 were used earlier than 1861, while a great many of them may first have been used on this 3c stamp.

It is also evident that many of the PAID Handstamps were discontinued prior to and during this period as such a variety as is found on the 1861 issue is not found on the following issue of 1869 and very few in the Bank Note Issue. By 1890 they are practically extinct.

In the book, "19th Century United States Fancy Cancellations", the edition reprinted under the name of "Herst-Zareski", there are listed and illustrated approximately ninety different types and forms of PAID cancellations. Some, the single word "PAID", others in conjunction with figures for various amounts, or in other forms.

From a careful check, it appears that about fifty of these markings were of the Stampless Cover period or prior to about 1850-51. Just how many of these were continued in use into the stamp period and how late into that period can only be learned by study and a check list or record of known varieties as found.

We also find in the "Herst-Zareski" list three cancels which are recorded on stamps of the issues of 1869 and 1873. These are No. 33 on page 201; No. 19 on page 255 and No. 42 on page 259. Each of these three varieties has the appearance of being of the Cork cut types, because of their crudeness.

Thus we find fifty-three varieties, out of ninety illustrated, that would appear to be eliminated as having been used on the 3c 1861 stamp.

In further checking the "Herst-Zareski" illustrations we find several that are of such character that they could not have properly been used on this 3c stamp.

We also find twelve of the "Herst-Zareski" listings which seem to match perfectly with certain of the PAID cancels which we have found on this 3c 1861 stamp.

At this point we might remark that in having our illustrations made we tried to picture the cancel as near to what it would show, if a clear and perfect strike of the cancelling stamps had been made.

We feel that this is the best way to show and study these cancels. If pictured as any cancel mark might appear on a stamp, there is almost certain to be distortion over the whole picture, or in some direction, because invariably in striking the cancel stamp to a cover there is almost always a tendency for a skid, which distorts the picture.

Another example of a strike from the same cancel stamp could show a skid in an opposite direction which would only add to the confusion in trying to identify it.

For these reasons we believe it best to try to vision a true picture of it and make allowance for variations that occur in each strike of the handstamp.

In all, we have thus far been able to identify and classify more than sixty different cancelling stamps of the PAID variety as having been used on the 3c stamp of 1861.

As we have already stated, we have been able to identify twelve of these as being listed in the "Herst-Zareski" book. That gives us nearly fifty new varieties which have heretofore gone unlisted in that book.

It is a peculiar thing that the most common and best known of all PAID cancels on this 3c 1861 has been entirely overlooked by "Herst-Zareski". This is the common PAID in a long oval shaped frame, from Boston. There are two distinct types of this cancel which seem to have been used concurrently.

In my study and classification of the PAID markings I have thought it advisable to divide them in several groups, listing under each the cancels which have the same characteristics.

I have first taken those cancels which consist of the single word PAID, without any other ornamentation.

Before listing and describing the various groups it would seem that we should understand how the cancelling stamps were produced. It is their method of production that causes the most confusion in classifying them.

One might surmise, after a hasty glance at a large group of these plain PAID markings that the cancelling device was merely a line of Printers Type.

This however, is not the case with most, if not all of them. The early Postal Markings of all styles were made by the Wood Engraving process. Experts in this kind of engraving could do wonderful work.

In most old books and magazines the illustrations were produced by making a Wood Engraving.

The principal characteristic of most of these PAID markings which appear to look alike is, that they are not alike, as in Wood Engraving, if there were a need for two or more identical cuts, each was engraved or cut in the wood block by hand and the chances are that some minute difference would show in a print from the two or more engravings.

This does not happen in our modern method of making illustrations or cuts of any kind and duplicating them as many times as desired.

For the single word PAID an endless number of Handstamps could be made either by Printers' Type or on a Type Casting

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## — ADVERTISERS —

Please Note

The weeks in which the editions for January 3 and January 10 are to be prepared are those which will have the Christmas and New Year holidays respectively. This will make a short work-week for us here at Linn's Weekly Stamp News. We ask the cooperation of advertisers by getting their ad copy in earlier than usual so that everything is completed in time for our employees to enjoy the season to the full. Thank you.

Japs Holler "Murder"  
About Korean Design

Japan's postal administration told South Korea, "Sorry fellows, we don't like one of your postage stamps." And to climax the deal, mail to which it is attached won't be accepted in the land of the Mikados.

The offending item pictures Takeshima Island as Korean territory, and the Japs think that this piece of real estate in the Sea of Japan is rightfully theirs.

Japan's foreign minister Katsumi Okazaki sent a memo to his counterpart in the South Korean government stating that the idea kept him and other loyal Japanese in quite a tizzy, and please desist.

Similar feuds have occurred between similar states in the past. There is currently a long-standing one of this kind going on between Britain and Argentina.

Fraenkel's "Israel"  
Printed As Brochure

For the library of the collector and student of the stamps and postal history of Israel is a brochure "Israel", by Dr. Alexander Fraenkel. It is reprinted from the 20th American Philatelic Congress Book where it was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Dr. Fraenkel, of course, is no stranger to his subject for he has written other important studies on Israel and its postal system, and stamps.

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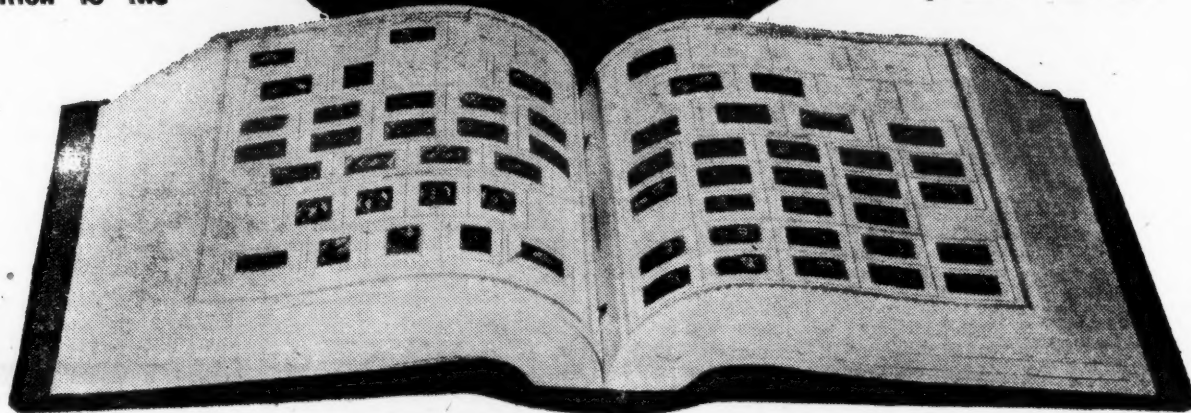


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## A Most Popular Field

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GEORGE W. LINN

are of the plain word PAID in plain gothic lettering. The third chapter, those in Roman lettering. The fourth chapter the PAID in an oval shaped frame. So on through the different forms of the handstamp.

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## The Counterfeiter They Had To Buy Out

The following comment is from a letter from a lady reader who is also a very active and interested stamp collector. She is not one of the kind who just picks up a stamp here and there and who might ponder a bit over spending a dollar all at one time for some stamp. Her collection is built along definite lines and she advises me that her monthly budget for stamps is up to \$50.00 so we must believe that the lady is well worth being heard and her opinion worth consideration. We quote from a recent letter, below.

"Although not exactly apropos of your current anti-racketeer campaign, there's an article in November 1954 issue of 'TRUE' magazine (pp 44-83, etc.), entitled 'The Counterfeiter They Had To Buy Out', which is of general philatelic interest. True, The Man's Magazine, is not one we customarily have on our reading list, but the stamp article therein was called to Mr. T's attention by one of the people in his office. A point of interest to me is the more or less friendly manner in which Sperati's activities have been dealt with in the philatelic press. Not until this TRUE article did I realize how widespread were Mr. Sperati's activities and of the danger of taking the 'experts' advice in the buying of expensive stamps. The fact that the philatelic press of the U. S. (the only one of which I have knowledge) has not been actively and continually fighting and exposing this situation is rather revealing to me — and, I think, to many others. If ever there should be a philatelic recession (our Minneapolis dealers are crying right now), the fear of fakes purveyed by acquiescent dealers and O. K'ed by their friends the 'experts', will be one of the causes. This article will tell you nothing new but it does have an independence and freedom from dealer influence that is seldom (except in LINN'S) found in our philatelic publications. One would think that the various Society publications would occasionally come up with something from the pro-buyer angle but, instead, they are even more servile in the service of their advertisers than independent philatelic publishers."

## We Believe It Would Help, Too.

The following is another quote from a reader's letter. We believe as he does, that what he proposes would do much to increase the collection of Envelopes and Revenues.

"The Thorp-Bartels Catalog of U. S. Stamped envelopes is now available, and we are lead to believe that this will stimulate the collection of these stamps. This is only partially true, but as long as there seems to be no printed album for this type of collecting there is bound to be a lagging in the collecting of stamped envelopes. Of course, we have the National Album and if the publishers could be persuaded to sell both the Revenue and Stamped Envelope Sections separately I believe these stamps would become more popular with a host of collectors."

## Letters To The Editor

We have a suggestion that we open a column of "Letters To The Editor", in which readers can voice their "compliments" and "complaints". We fear such a column would not be practical. We base this fear on some of the ridiculous complaints that do come to us at times. Complaints which never would have had to be made if the complainant had used a bit of sound judgment in the first place.

However some complaints are justified as for example the practice of some dealers to advertise a popular item at a ridiculously low price and on receipt of an order to advise the customer that the item is sold out and then at the same time tell the customer they are crediting him with the amount of his remittance and submitting some other items that might be of interest.

This is a very unethical practice and can only be cured if those who bump up against it will simply hold the merchandise so submitted until the dealer makes a big howl for its return and then to write the dealer that if he will send postage and sufficient cash to register the article this is to be returned that it will be returned to him. And do not forget to also ask for enough extra cash to get yourself a return receipt. That is the one best way to cure a practice that should be stopped.

SMILEATELICS ..... Bob Ricker



"Watch that ice on the front steps, Mack... whoops... there goes your duplicates, too!"

## Portugal Four For Brazilian City

A city in the new world will be the subject remembered on a set of four Portugal will issue December 17. The community is Sao Paulo, Brazil which is celebrating the 4th Centenary of its founding.



In the design is a portrait of the Jesuit Missionary, Manuel de Nobrega who founded the town in 1554, and a crucifix.

Denominations and colors according to Gibbels Stamp Department are—1 Escudo bistre; 2.30E blue; 3.50E gray and 5E green.

Brazil was originally colonized chiefly by Portuguese, and was under the domination of Portugal for many years. The language of Brazil today is of the founding country.

## 1954 STAMP PROGRAM

No other stamps due.  
1029—Columbia University 3c, New York, N. Y. January 4.  
1031—Liberty Series 1c, Chicago, Ill., August 26.  
1033—Liberty Series 2c, San Francisco, Calif., September 15.  
1034—Liberty Series 3c, Albany, N. Y., June 24.  
1034a—Liberty 3c booklet, Washington, D. C., June 30.  
1035—Liberty Series 4c, New York, N. Y., November 19.  
1036—Liberty Series 5c, Fredericksburg, Va., December 2.  
1039—Liberty Series 8c, Washington, D. C., April 9.  
1049—Liberty Series 1c coll., Baltimore, Md., October 8.  
1050—Liberty Series 2c coll., St. Louis, Mo., October 22.  
1051—Liberty Series 3c coll., Washington, D. C., July 20.  
1060—Nebraska 3c, Nebraska City, Nebr., May 7.  
1061—Kansas 3c, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., May 31.  
1062—Eastman 3c, Rochester, N. Y., July 12.  
1063—Lewis & Clark 3c, Sioux City, Iowa, July 28.  
No. ? — Presidential \$1 (new gauge) Washington, D. C. August 31.  
C48—Airmail 4c, Philadelphia, Pa., September 3.  
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## "Sucker" Labels Support Revolt

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The Melanesians have been fighting for their independence since 1950. They inhabit the South Moluccan Islands, a chain of about 100 isles, directly north of Australia. The most southerly island of the group is 200 miles from Darwin.

On the diplomatic front the rebels have suffered crushing setbacks, but on the philatelic front they are having considerable success. Their stamps, marked "Republik Maluku Selatan," are distributed everywhere to collectors.

All brightly colored, the so-called stamps honor the Universal Postal Union—to which the South Moluccans do not belong, the United Nations—which has ignored all their representations, and the Pacific victories of Gen. Douglas MacArthur—who has never set foot in their islands.

The rebels are making a handsome profit on their stamp sales. Knowledgeable dealers estimate that millions of sets of 19 different stamps have been printed. Individual sets sell for 50 cents.

Money from stamp sales provides the main, if not the sole revenue of the rebel regime. Some of it is used to finance diplomatic missions sent abroad by the South Moluccan republic.

The Melanesian natives have no ethnic or cultural ties with the Indonesians to the north. They are predominantly Christian, while the Indonesians are chiefly Moslem.

The rebels, despite official Indonesian assurances to the contrary, are said by Dutch officials in West New Guinea to be in control of a large part of the island of Ceram. Much of the money realized by stamp sales is kept in Holland in a special fund.

A rebel agent said in Australia that the Moluccan army was conserving its stocks of arms and ammunition against the day when it would be able to take the offensive. Meanwhile, the agent declared, native guerrillas are using bows and poisoned arrows against Indonesian military forces that venture into the jungle.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

It is now possible to give the information which a lot of you have been awaiting. The report on the carmine (instead of purple) frame of the \$1 Presidential is in.

I had told you that the investigation was in the hands of a most reliable expert. He is Dr. Paul Rothmund, professor of chemistry at Ohio State University, and a research scientist with the Kettering Foundation. Besides his technical qualifications he is also a topnotch philatelist.

In placing the matter for investigation in the hands of this good friend, I felt that whatever the answer, collectors could take it in full confidence. That, we can certainly do—his conclusions should be definitely acceptable to all of us.

Not only did he report on the carmine frame items, but those with a blue as well, some of which had been sent him. The following are his conclusions:—  
"I am returning the copies of the red, and blue U. S. No. 832, \$1, after having examined them microscopically, and under ultra-violet radiation.

"In order to confirm my findings I used a copy of this stamp of normal purple color out of my duplicates, and I enclose one-half of that stamp for your inspection.

"The pigment used for the frame of U. S. No. 832 is sensitive to the reaction of its surroundings: with acids it turns red, and with alkalies blue. This change occurs even in very dilute solutions, or in atmospheres with a sufficient moisture content and either an acid or alkaline gas or vapor. By varying the time of exposure different shades may be obtained. When solutions are used, usually more pigment is lost from the surface by the alkali treatment than by the acid medium. The pigment loss is smallest by treatment with gases, although even in this procedure the final washing with water removes some of the dye.

"The half stamp enclosed was treated on the bottom with a very dilute solution of sodium hydroxide, on top with a solution of vinegar, diluted 1:1 by volume with water. In the center of the frame a drop of 24% sodium hydroxide was placed, and left for about 1/2 hour. Longer exposure allows one to wash off the pigment completely. The pigment is also destroyed by chlorine. Thus it would be easy to "create" a stamp with a red, white and blue frame.

"Ultraviolet testing shows that the red pigment formed with acid from the purple of the U. S. No. 832 is different from the red, which is used for printing the frame of the U. S. No. 834, \$5.

"Conclusion: The various colors of the No. 832, \$1 submitted are due to chemical influences on the finished stamp, and are not color varieties caused by the use of different pigments in the process of printing.

"Stamps so changed are damaged stamps, of curiosity interest only, and should be destroyed, since the stamp in its official color is plentiful. The repair or re-conditioning of the chemically changed stamp to the original purple is not possible.

"I am sorry I have to disappoint some collectors, who may have thought they had made a find, but you will realize that

anybody can make as many varieties of this number as he pleases."

Well that wraps it up. Rueth has another scar on his beautiful, long, white neck and a lot of you who cooperated so splendidly, don't have the color varieties which might have been possible.

As I wrote originally, I knew that changes in the color, purple, were possible. However since the examples came from so wide a range of collectors, and from persons whom I confidently felt didn't make use of chemicals, I believed that some of the carmine frame stamps were actually printed that way.

The fact that the purple used is so unstable chemically that even an acid or alkaline atmosphere in a mail bag could effect the change, makes it tough to establish a carmine if it was a legitimate error of color.

Every collector with a copy would need the equipment, or the use of such equipment, and the technical knowledge of such qualified persons as Dr. Paul Rothmund.

My sincere thanks, Paul, for your wonderful cooperation.

1. One denomination of the Columbian Exposition commems of 1893 shows Queen Isabella pledging her jewels. Which?

2. All denominations were issued on January 2, 1893 except one. Name it.

Supposition generally that the forthcoming first day of issue of the Centennial of the Oldest Land Grant Colleges would be held at the cities where each school is located, is scotched.

According to a news item submitted by Earl Fohl of Lansing, Mich., the first day ceremonies will be officially held at East Lansing only, on February 12, place of Michigan State College. President Milton Eisenhower of Penn State, the second institution covered by the dual commemoration, will journey to the Michigan city for his school.

Penn State relinquished a claim for a first day at State College, Pa. in conjunction with one at East Lansing, in view of the fact that MSC is the older institution.

In the past couple of weeks I have gotten through the mail, letters and other matter addressed to me directly at Booth No. 79 at the ASDA National Postage Stamp Show (November 19-21) at New York. The same thing happened last year—such mail didn't get to me there, and was only delivered many days later in Sidney.

I don't suppose you will remember until November 1955, but never address mail to me as above for it does not get delivered at the Show. If you have something urgent address it to the Vanderbilt Hotel which is always headquarters for the stamp people, or most of them.

One reader sent covers for me to service for him. These finally arrived here in Sidney the other day after being addressed to the booth. Much as I'd like to help in such matters, it is not possible, for we barely have time to eat during the 12 hours each day of the show, and there's no time for servicing various wants of individuals. Do like everyone else does, with their prepared envelopes. Send them to the first day postmaster with the correct remittance for first day service.

Everett M. Hall of Portland, Maine corrects a statement made here November 15 anent the

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A reader suggests that we print the plate numbers of U. S. commems as we get the information so that if one wants a complete set of numbers he will know for how many to seek.

This information as you all know is printed in our paper as soon as the Post Office Department releases it. In last week's edition, on page two, the data for October and August was printed. That is where you will usually find it when we receive it, and in that style of presentation.

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FIGURE 1. A—The 5c blue Taylor of 1875-1879 from an original large die proof. B—The 10c Bank Note stamp, the frame of which was modified to produce the frame of the 5c stamp. C—The central portion only of the green and black 6 oz. snuff tax paid stamp of the 1871 tobacco revenue series, depicting Zachary Taylor, the original die of which was used to produce the center of the finished 5c die.

The 5c Blue Taylor  
Of 1875-1879

Dr. C. S. Hitchins

In 1875, the United States became a signatory to the Treaty of Berne which established the Universal Postal Union. This resulted in a common international postal rate on regular letters of 25 centimes (gold) per 15 grams or U.S. \$0.05 (2/-/2½) per half ounce, between all countries who were members of the Union. Prior to this the various nations made individual rate treaties among themselves.

Since the then current United States postage stamp series did not include a 5c stamp, orders were given immediately after the signing to issue one. (The last 5c value had been of the 1861-1867 series as one was not necessary at this time to meet a specific rate).

The new stamp, said to have been designed, printed, and issued in about three weeks (perhaps a record for stamp production), was probably first used on June 21, 1875. The color was blue since this was specified by the Universal Postal Union for all stamps paying the unit postal rate on international first class mail.

The stamp (Fig. 1) was composed of the frame of the current 10c stamp modified into a 5c design while the vignette was of General Zachary Taylor, the twelfth President of the United States. A new York newspaper described the selection of the portrait thus:

"... Mr. Jewell, the Postmaster-General at the time, suggested to president Grant the propriety of having his portrait on the new stamp of the required value. General Grant did not agree with his cabinet officer. Finally, he suggested that if Mr. Jewell would insist upon con-

sulting his wishes he (General Taylor) would be well pleased if the portrait of old Zack Taylor, with whom he served in the Mexican war, could be used on the new stamp. Instead of instructing the then contractors to prepare a portrait of General Taylor, which would be in harmony with the other stamps, Mr. Jewell found in the Bureau of Engraving and printing a portrait of Taylor which had been used in the old tobacco strip series. This portrait was transmogrified into the five cent stamp. It was badly engraved and of a wretched colour."

Zachary Taylor was president for only sixteen months. Born November 24, 1784 in Orange County, Virginia, he was raised in Kentucky. He served in the Indian Wars and the War of 1812, and became famous as commander in the invasion of Mexico, more through luck than good man-

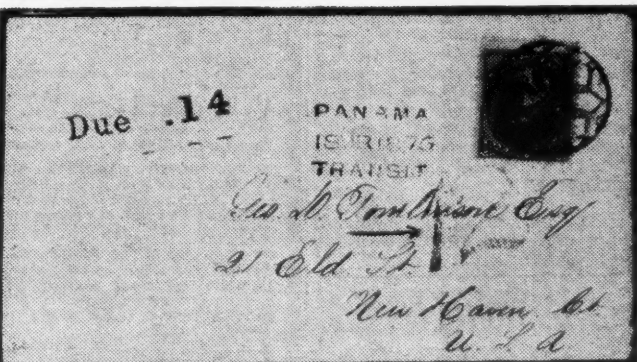


FIGURE 2. Cover (1867) from Peru to the United States via Panama, bearing a Continental (hard paper) 5c Taylor (Scott No. 179). The arrow points to the "12".

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agement, as his military knowledge was actually small.

Popularly known as "Old Rough and Ready", he was persuaded to run for president on the Whig ticket in 1848. He was inaugurated March 4, 1849, but he accomplished little as a chief executive. He laid the cornerstone of the Washington Monument on July 4, 1850. Five days later, on July 9, 1850, he died of typhus.

Commonly called the "5c Taylor", the stamp was first produced on thin, hard, wove paper by the Continental Bank Note Company (Scott No. 179). The modified 10c frame was combined with the vignette of the green and black 6 oz. snuff tax paid stamp of the 1871 Revenue series, a United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing emission, the original die being loaned to the Continental Bank Note Company.

When this organization was absorbed into the American Bank Note Company in 1879, the United States postage stamp printing contract was taken over along with all the dies, plates, etc. While at least one of the old Continental plates (2 panes of 100 subjects each) was used, several new ones (with the same layout and from the same die) were added, and the paper was changed to a relatively thick, soft, porous, wove paper producing a variety which is collected by American philatelists as a separate stamp (Scott's No. 185). These are commonly described as the "hard paper" or "Continental issue", and the "soft paper" or "American issue" respectively.

The most common usage of these stamps, of course, was to pay the single international letter rate. As more countries joined the Universal Postal Union, more destinations occurred on covers franked with them (most common were England, France, Germany, and Turkey or Syria). Similarly, the appearance of the 5c Taylor in combination with foreign stamps (usually added by

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One of the "Junk" Mail envelopes with a series of addresses which apparently covers all possible receivers of mail in the United States. Much of it is pitched into the wastebasket unread. However firms using this approach must consider it effective to a certain extent for they persist in sending it.

"Junk" Mail Items  
May Become Postal Relics

J. F. McGee

This so-called junk mail comprises third class letters and circulars, usually addressed to "Householder" or "Patron". But there are a number of other forms. I have one with a triple printed address. (See above). It includes practically everybody served by a large post office. The top one is, "Rural or Star Route Boxholder, Local". There is a line between it and the one below, which is, "Post Office Boxholder, Local". There is a line beneath it and the following form, "Patron (or Householder) Letter Carrier Route, Local".

This idea of using city and rural mail carriers to deliver circulars to every Tom, Dick, Harry, Marge, Jane and Lucy on their route, was said to have been tried out at a few post offices about thirty years ago, and then abandoned.

If you collect postal items of a city or state, this junk stuff with different forms of non-personal address, should be included. I add them to my Nebraska collection. I kept the first one I received. I notice I dated it, October, 1953. It is a circular from a Health Insurance Co. On the front is printed a large red apple. Inside is the question, "Will an apple a day keep the doctor away?" Of course the answer is a big "No!"

A number of newspapers and magazines have protested the delivery of this class of mail, which burdens city mail carriers and does not pay sufficient postage to cover the cost of handling it. In fact, this bulk mailing is accepted at 14c a pound.

One newspaper in its account states that the quantity of this trash mail has increased by 453,700,000 pieces in the past year, and the additional cost of the Post Office Department in handling it is a million dollars, which of course taxpayers must foot.

I have mentioned the above facts, for I anticipate that the new congress will ban this class of mail, and that I wish to warn collectors who might be interested in these items with different forms of address, to pick them up while they can be had for picking them up, for the bulk of this stuff goes to feed furnaces and incinerators.

By the way, the postal officials, who years ago, were given the assignment of prescribing the style of uniform for mail carriers, must have envisaged the day when mail carriers would be used to distribute circulars, and consequently did not provide for an overcoat, which if worn this winter might tempt a few of the carriers when confronted with a flight of icy steps to pocket the circular for that place and take it home to burn.

Have you noticed that no matter how snowy and cuttlingly cold the weather is, the regular carriers do not wear an overcoat. I asked one of them the reason. "Regulations do not provide for an overcoat, so we do without", he answered.

I wonder if the fat, waddly Red mail carriers have an overcoat or have to wear a blanket in the bitter cold of their Siberian winters?

Five Slogans Are  
Offered Collectors

Slogan cancellations, three of which come into use after the first of the year, are announced as available to collectors on their prepared covers by the Post Office Department.

Groton, Mass. will use one noting its Tercentenary until January 4. A centennial is celebrated by Girard, Ill., the slogan starting December 16.

Propaganda for the annual Azalea Festival comes from Mobile, Ala. beginning January 15.

For the YWCA Centennial Kansas City, Mo. will have a die in use on January 1.

Glencoe, Minn. also has a centennial memorialization going for six months beginning January 24.

Envelopes must bear a name and address, a 3c stamp and contain stuffers. These are then to be sent to the above named post offices with a request for the impression of the slogan.

\$60,000 Triangle  
Robbery In Britain

British philately has been shaken to its depths by the theft of one of the world's truly great collections of Cape Triangles formed by Lt. W. D. Hall, of Nettlebed, Oxfordshire.

The collection, valued at some \$60,000 net, included many Stevenson gems, including a block of four 1861 in red, three stamps being 1d, and one a 4d.

Some items have been recovered but the thief is still at large. This is the first large scale stamp robbery in many years.

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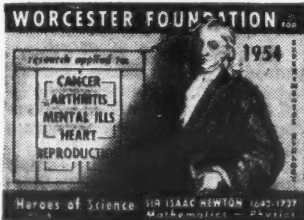
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The 1954 "Heroes of Science" seal, commemorating the great British physicist, Sir Isaac Newton, was offered to the public September 7, by the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, according to an announcement by Dr. George R. Dunlop, president of the Foundation board of trustees and president of the Massachusetts division, American Cancer Society.



The 1954 "Heroes of Science" sheet was designed by Stephen Thomas of the Howard Wesson Company, Worcester. An innovation this year is a 4 x 1/2" perforated panel containing a "Heroes of Science" biography which highlights some of the interesting milestones in Sir Isaac Newton's career.

The seal itself is 1 1/2 x 2", orange, brown and white, and comes 30 to a 9 x 12" sheet, perforated. It depicts Sir Isaac Newton standing beside a simulated Worcester Foundation doorway. Newton has often been referred to as the greatest genius who

ever lived. He constructed the first reflecting telescope, discovered the spectrum, developed the theory of gravitation and the laws of motion. Prior stamps released commemorated Sir William Harvey, 1953, and Louis Pasteur, 1952.

Hungarian Eleven  
For Famous Men

An additional eleven has been released by Hungary to previously issued Famous Men series of commemoratives. These as the others are in multi-color and carry a portrait and a symbolical representation of the individual's efforts in behalf of mankind.

Denominations and designs, according to the Hungary Stamp Exchange of Utica, N. Y., are — 8 filler Johan Opacai Csere, encyclopedia writer; 10f Sandor Kor-

osi Csoma, a British peer and explorer of Tibet and the Himalayas; 12f Anyos Jedalik, electric dynamo inventor; 20f Ignatz Semmelweis, discoverer of antiseptics; 30f Janos Irinyi, inventor of the phosphorous match; 40f Frigyes Koranyi, physician and professor; 50f Armin Vambery, a British peer explorer in Asia Minor and Turkey; 60f Karolyi Than, chemical scientist.

Also 1 forint Otto Herman, ornithologist; 1.70ft Tivadar Puskas, automatic telephone exchange inventor; 2ft Endre Hogyes, rabies researcher.

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### Cuban Stamp For Tampa Centenary

Joseph E. Mink of Tampa, Fla. advises that Cuba will honor that city on the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1955 with a 12c commemorative airmail stamp to have a first day of issue in late December.



In the design will be shown the old Ybor City house where Jose Marti made his famous revolutionary speech, Los Nuevos Pinos (The New Pines).

The Tampa Sunday Tribune of recent date stated that the building was built in 1885 by V. M. Ybor as a cigar factory. The stamp itself will mean another fine item for the collectors of Americana on Foreign Postage Stamps.

Ybor began the manufacture of cigars in the building about 1886, and it was the second cigar factory in Tampa's Latin Quarter.

In later years it was found to be too small for a factory and Ybor presented in to the Cuban colony in Tampa where it was known as the Lyceum (Liceo Cubano). It was used as a social center, for dramatic productions and for patriotic meetings.

And it was during a patriotic meeting in 1892 that Marti, the great firebrand of Cuban independence, made his famous speech there.

Los Pinos Nuevos is thought of as Marti's greatest speech. By the young pines he meant the new saplings of the young revolutionaries of Cuba.

It is said Marti got the idea for the speech on a train while passing through a burned out forest. He noted the new pine shoots growing among the ruin of the old trees. He thought of the new revolutionary movement as new saplings growing in the devastation of an old movement that had failed several years before.

The old Ybor City house also has a second special meaning to the Republic of Cuba: It was there in 1893 the Cuban Revolutionary Junta drafted a resolution that created the official revolutionary party for all Cubans in exile.

A replica of the building is kept in the Civic Military Institute of Cuba in Ceiba del Agua,

about 40 miles outside of Havana. The stamp will be issued to honor Tampa after the Pan-American Commission and its Director General, Earl Mullen, made the suggestion to members of the Cuban government nearly a year ago.

### Plate Trophy At California Show

The 1954 Annual Convention and Exhibition of the U.S.C.C. was held June 18-20 in conjunction with the exhibition of The Long Beach (Cal.) Stamp Collectors' Club. Mrs. Emily Moorefield, a member of both groups acted as chairman of arrangements.



A special section was set aside for U. S. cancellations and many outstanding frames were shown. The Cancellation Club designed a special plate, illustrated herewith, as a main award. This was won by Edward L. Willard for Research in connection with the 2c Red Brown of 1883-87.

In addition, The Long Beach Club provided 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Trophy Awards. The winners: Dr. C. S. Hitchins (5c Blue, 1875-79); Edward Kaufman (Early California Postal History); and Henry F. Walton, Jr. (Kicking Mule Cancellations).

### Columbian Find Brings \$37,100

A new world realization was established on November 30 in London when the fabulous group of over 10,000 United States Columbian Exposition stamps sold for \$37,100.

Purchased originally at the Columbian Exposition with the proceeds of a legacy for \$1,134, the stamp once changed hands as a gift and were discovered in Great Britain a few months ago.

Offered as one lot at the specific request of the owner, the group was sold by H. R. Harmer, Ltd. to Raymond Weill of Weill Brothers, stamp dealers of New Orleans.

The figure of \$37,100 is easily a world record for a single lot at a postage stamp auction, comfortably exceeding the price realized in France when the world-famous British Guiana 1c was sold at the Ferrari auction. It is the intention of the Weill Brothers to break up the group for resale.

### Reservations Already For '55 ASDA Edition

The edition of November 15 consisting of 40 pages, and which was devoted to a great extent to the American Stamp Dealers' Assn. National Postage Stamp Show in New York, was greeted with much enthusiasm by dealers and collectors.

Many favorable comments have reached the offices of Linn's Weekly Stamp News commenting favorably on the reading matter and the fine array of dealers from which to buy philatelic wares.

Evidence that two of the nation's leading dealers are well satisfied with results is their reservation each of a full page in the November 1955 edition for the 7th Show. These enterprising merchants are the Colonial Stamp Shop of Saugerties, N. Y., which deals in United States in all categories, and the Washington Press of Newark, N. J. producers of the White Ace Line of loose-leaf album pages and Artcraft first day covers.

The former has reserved the back page of the first section, the latter the last page of the second section.

### Believe New HPO Routes Imminent

Possibility of the sudden beginning of Highway Post Office Service between two southern cities is noted by the National Highway Post Office Society. They are Columbus, Miss. and Flomaton, Ala.

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During this period, each postmaster was privileged to make his own cancelling device and this brought forth a great number of interesting markings.

From 1847 to about 1861, many of the cancellations that had been used on stampless covers were continued. Then, beginning with about 1861 to 1869, came the Civil War period and many "patriotic covers" were designed and used. A large number of postmasters during this period used cancellers with various forms of Shields, U. S., U. S. A., U. S. M., and also a number of markings which showed the thirteen stars, representing the original thirteen colonies of the United States.

During this time, one of the assistants to the postmaster at Waterbury, Conn. whittled out of a broom handle some different cancellations, including an Eagle, a Shield, a Gentleman(?) Thumbing His Nose, the "Bridgeport Fireman", and an Irishman Smoking His Pipe. Probably the most famous of the Waterbury cancellations is the Fish, of which only about five or six perfect examples are known on cover.

There were a great many postmasters who used a Skull and Crossbones, a Dragonfly and a Bee. A number of animals appear such as the deer of Deerfield, Mass. and the fox of Hakanom, where the postmaster's name was Fox. Many postmasters belonged to the Masonic Order and there are a great many Square and Compass, Keystone, Maltese Cross of the Knights Templar and also the Triangle with the insignia of the 14th Degree, from Oregon, Penn. We find too, many and varied anchors, stars and leaves, also floral designs such as the Tulip of Amherst, Mass. There were arrows, wheels, fancy geometrics and many other picture markings, too numerous to mention here.

In the early days, the government made a number of "patent" devices, generally those which cut into the paper to spread the ink, thus preventing anyone from cleaning up the stamp for re-use. And there were many "O.K." designs, as well as combinations of postmasters' initials.

In the early stampless period there were two rates, one when the postage was paid by the sender, and an increased amount when paid by the one receiving the letter. So we see many "Paid" cancellations over the period extending until about 1869. (It might be noted here that the Editor of Linn's, George Linn, has a specialized cancellation of the 3c, 1861's, on which the only cancellation was the word "Paid").

The New York Foreign Mail cancellations show beautiful geometrics, stars, floral designs, etc. Over 100 of these special markings are known (Mr. Van Vlissingen of Chicago has one of the finest collections I have ever seen).

During this same period, we find various Mississippi River Packet Boat cancellations, also the historic Pony Express, Wells Fargo, U. S. Express Mail, Steam and Steamships, Railroads, R. P. O., and R. R. Agents ticket cancellers. And there were many Concentric Circles, Crossroads, Grids and Quarterings.

Many cancellations were marked "Free", as each individual postmaster, member of Congress, and U. S. President had the privilege of free franking of their mail. Somewhat scarcer cancellations during this period were "Insufficiently Paid", "Missent", "Forward", "Use Your House Number and Street Address".

These cancellations were struck in many different colored inks such as red, black, blue, brown, green and magenta.

There are only a few of the well known cancellations used during our early postal days and I might say that in the two volume collection of 3c 1861's which have long been my specialty, there are over 1600 different cancellations. Some of course, I do not have.

There are many fields in cancellations and postal history which can be followed in making an unusually interesting collection. Those especially interested should be members of the U. S. Cancellation Club. Full details on activities and benefits can be had from Charles D. Root, 855 Cove Way, Denver, Colo.

## August Dietz, Jr. Called By Death

August Andrew Dietz, Jr., president of the Dietz Press and an owner of the Dietz Printing Co. died November 12 at Richmond, Va. He is a descendant of a long line of printers, the first of his family having become associated with the trade in 1552.

He is survived by his father August A. Dietz, Sr. a well-

known figure in the world of philately for his interest in the postal history and emissions of the Confederacy, and for the publishing of a number of books relating to the hobby.

The deceased is also survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Cuba's flag appears in the set of four the nation issued for the centenary of its adoption.



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**U.P.U.** With only a few exceptions, the British Empire U. P. U. sets are higher in the new 1955 Scott's Catalogue. The highest priced set is Aden at \$3.70 up from \$3.55. The largest increase was for the Gold Coast which went to \$2.60 from \$1.22. These U. P. U. sets are in demand and retail prices will probably advance.

**SOUTH WEST AFRICA.** The new animal and natives set has arrived here and it is reported that many new issue dealers have not arranged for a supply, due to the difficulty experienced in obtaining the new animal sets of Union South Africa.

**ELIZABETH II.** Do not overlook the Elizabeth stamps that are already obsolete. They are all rising in price. I refer especially to Coronations, Royal Visits, Rhodes Centenaries, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Aden 70c and 10 shillings. Also the 1953 Canadians which were superceded by the new portrait of the Queen.

**BRITISH HONDURAS.** The 2c stamp of 1938 No. 116 exists with various perforations and if perforated 12, the price has just been increased by Gibbons to six shillings (84c).

**BASUTOLAND.** The recently issued Elizabeth set is an improvement over the superceded George VI series. Agitation by South Africa for the incorporation of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland into the Union may possibly result in new stamps and make the new Elizabeth series obsolete.

**CORONATIONS 1937.** These stamps are scarcer than the catalogue price would indicate. Scott's 1955 catalogue shows 43 of these sets advanced and 17 with no change in price. None were reduced. When available, these sets are selling at low retail prices, many at 1/3 catalogue and some lower. It is suggested that missing sets be obtained now as retail prices will probably soon advance.

**BRUNEL.** The 12c blue exists in various shades, not mentioned by Scott. Gibbons catalogue lists a pale greenish blue, the price of which has just been increased to five Pounds.

**AUSTRALIA.** Gibbons' Monthly has increased the catalogue price of the 2 shilling Tasmanian stamp No. 265 and the two shilling Royal Visit stamp No. 269. These increases are justified by the scarcity of both of these two shilling stamps.

**GREAT BRITAIN.** The English stamp periodicals are discussing the similarity of the colors of the

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Now here's another suggestion. Two of my long-time correspondents have been Philip and Elizabeth Jones of Shelton, Conn. They're the most interesting kind of people—run a big Christmas Tree plantation, setting out 12,000 trees annually for harvesting 6 to 10 years later, operate Broad Acres Dairy Farm with some 50 milk cows, have a snazzy Gifte Shoppe and specialize in Nyassa stamps and USA Post Cards. Most everyone in stamps in New York and New England knows them because they go to all the shows and visit around a lot and everybody likes them tremendously.

Well, to come right to the point—Elizabeth and her mother began making super duper fruit cakes a couple of years back and have built up a big mail order business in them, featuring a 1 1/2 lb. cake that just melts in your mouth for \$1.89 postpaid. How they can do it for that mystifies me. What I do know is that they've got something mighty different and something that your particular "little woman" would go into ecstasies over. You just couldn't find a nicer holiday gift along the edibles line and I know that many of you will be as glad to learn about it as I was when Herman Herst, Jr., a neighbor of the Jones' as it were, passed the good word on to me.

A new local issue for Herm Island, sponsored by an American wholesale house, has appeared. British philatelic writers and dealers are greatly wrought up over the matter. Of course, all collectors have to do to squelch anything so blatantly made to fleece them is not to buy. But, long suffering suckers, they always do!

Hearty congratulations to "Henry Howland" (the pen name used by a prominent figure in commercial philately) and to Lucius Jackson, publisher of the "Stamp Wholesaler," the world's foremost hobby trade journal, on the appearance of Howland's "Stamp Dealing for Pleasure and Profit" under the Jackson imprint. It's a substantial volume of some 125,000 words, attractively printed and telling you all about a matter every collector has before him much of the time.

The price is \$3 and a remittance to Lucius Jackson Publications, Burlington, Vt. will get you a copy by return mail. It's an excellent work from every point of view and a real buy at that figure. Highly recommended even if you're one of the infinitesimal number of eager-beaver collectors not expecting to become a dealer sooner or later.

Substantial parcels of unused George VI Colonial stamps are on offer in London below face at this writing. Many dealers appear to have overbought and are liquidating as best they can with few takers. The rush for Elizabeth II stamps has tied up many firms' working capital in a form of business with little or no profit and the surprising thing is that so many people are willing to put in so much time without adequate compensation.

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The society is a branch of the SPA, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs and the NFSC.

### Canadian Exhibition Seals Available

April 22 to 24 has been announced as the time of the 1955 convention and exhibition of the Canadian Philatelic Society. Hosts are the L'Union Philatelique de Montreal of Montreal, Canada.

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### XMAS MAIL

Each year the precancel collector who stirs around, hits up enough friends, and otherwise makes a nuisance of himself can generally get some precancels over the holidays. There are calendar mailings, special mailings, the regular Christmas permit in third class and up, to use precancels, and the self mailing of packages to help out. (Incidentally at this date the annual permission to use precancels has not been mentioned in the postal bulletin).

It is very evident from recent shipments of stamps to the various offices that the NEW SERIES will not be in general use this holiday season. The first few sheets were just specials to get the new stamps before the public. The big stocks in the central accounting offices are still the old Prexys and although there will be uneven distribution as there always is, generally speaking it does not at this writing seem that very many of the new 1c or 2c Liberty Series will see service over this coming holiday period.

So the precancels that do turn up will be well worth mentioning in most cases. We would like to see and report anything that comes your way in the new line. Stamps will be promptly returned.

### CALIFORNIA

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### U.S.C.C. SPONSORS (Continued from page 1)

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For the past few years the Club has published a small quarterly magazine which is sent to all members and also to a number of outside subscribers. Its purpose is to keep us up-to-date on the philatelic activities of our members and also to publish articles of interest on subjects relating to Postal History and Postal Markings. Members have co-operated splendidly both by sending in many interesting articles and by buying advertising space.

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In 1939, officers of the club arranged with the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society for a special section in this exhibition at Denver to be set aside for frames of Cancellations on U. S. stamps. This show was a success, our section containing the most outstanding exhibits in the whole show. Judges appointed by USCC made the awards in our section.

Then in 1948 arrangements were made for USCC to sponsor Cancellation exhibits at the APS convention and show in Denver. Harold Stark provided a trophy for the best display of cancellations and certificates also were given. A luncheon meeting was held at the University Club in Denver attended by members and their guests.

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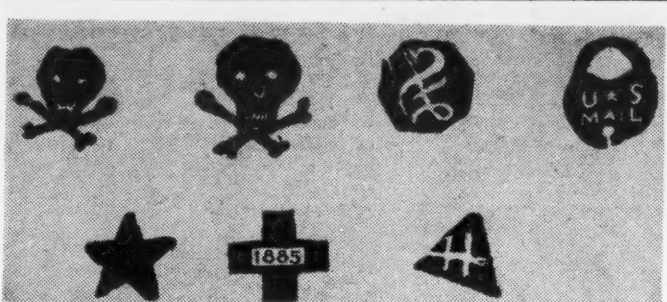
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Just imagine making two small finds within the course of a year which resulted in securing all of the cancellations shown here. No doubt, you recognize them as the cancels used at Stoneham, Mass. in 1884 and 1885 and which invariably appear on the 2c brown. Yes, this happened to me and surprisingly the "finds" were not made in a dust covered attic but through the usual commercial channels, the dealer and the circuit sales books. This happened about fifteen years ago and you may be interested to know that this whole lot of cancels, four off cover stamps and seven on cover, cost less than a fin.

There was a dealer in my home town who had a canny instinct to ferret out material and one day a lady brought into his shop a kitchen-size match box full of 2c browns, which the dealer bought for wholesale stock at the hundred rate. Several days later he thought he would look them over and found amongst them all four cancels shown in the top row and nothing else worthwhile in cancels. This fact may seem strange but I had a similar experience when buying an accumulation made around 1900 in which there was a lot of about one hundred 3c 1861 which turned up a strip of three of the famous Albany, N. Y. LINCOLN cancel and two single copies of the U. S. within a circle of stars from the same city. Outside of these nothing else but just good commercial copies of the stamp.

According to the cancellation data on hand I was able to identify the second skull & crossbone cancel and the U. S. Mail padlock as used at Stoneham, Mass. and felt sure that the other two cancels were from the same town, which fact was confirmed about six months later when I received a cover circuit which contained two covers with the padlock cancel, one each of the others, excepting the skull and crossbones. Now, all cancels except the first skull and crossbones were definitely identified.

Cancellation data reported it used on a 2c brown with no town identification. It was not long thereafter that there appeared in a Daniel F. Kelleher auction sale a cover with this identical cancellation used in Stoneham. This cover I was determined to have and put in a high bid without any success, nosed out by a floor bidder. After the sale I offered Kelleher one of the padlock covers stating that the lucky buyer might appreciate having a companion piece. My offer was accepted.

The skull and crossbones cover is illustrated in Lester G. Brookman's "Nineteenth Century Postage Stamps of the United States" in Volume II, page 122, and on page 124 the companion padlock cover is illustrated under the 2c green section.

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A portrait of a child appears in the design of: 20c plus 5c green; 80c plus 20c gray; 1.20 franc plus 30c brown, and 1.50f plus 50c violet. On the 2 franc plus 75c red and 4f plus 1f blue, is a reproduction of a painting by An-to-Carte.

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CAMBODIA — On October 30, a new regular issue set was placed on sale. There are twenty in all, and four designs were used. Values that picture the Royal Palace are: 10c claret; 20c green; 30c blue-black; 40c violet and 50c violet brown.

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INDIA — To honor the Fourth World Forestry Conference, which is to be held in Dehra Dun, a 2 anna stamp is to be issued. It is expected it will be placed on sale December 26.

PORTUGAL — The Ministry of Posts has announced that on December 17 a set of four is to be issued commemorating the fourth centenary of the founding of the city of Sao Paulo. The stamps will be of the same design and will show a profile portrait of Father Manuel da Nobrega and a cross. Values and colors have been announced as follows: 1 Escudo bistre; 2.30E blue; 3.50E gray; and 5E green.

SAN MARINO — On November 13 Vatican City issued two stamps honoring St. Augustine. Both are of the same design, which shows St. Augustine seated before a book with the inscription "Tolle Lege" from a painting by Botticelli. Above the book is "S. Agostino 3540-1954". Values and colors are: 35 Lire and 50L.

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FIGURE 3. Cover (1882) carried by Closed Pouch Mail via Canada to England, bearing an American (soft paper) 5c Taylor (Scott No. 185).

**5c BLUE TAYLOR**  
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a forwarding agent to pay the forwarding postage) increased and if the cover was remained in more than one country, a combination of the stamps of three or more nations resulted. These latter covers, however, are extremely rare.

Probably the second most common use was with other U. S. stamps to meet a domestic rate of more than 5c. Many covers exist with two 5c stamps plus one 3c stamp, paying the single 3c domestic first class rate plus 10c registration fee. The stamp was also frequently used with a 1c value to pay double the domestic first class rate of 3c (until October 1, 1883.)

Another use that must be mentioned although it was not common, was to meet the Supplementary Mail rate of 10c. Double the regular 5c foreign mail rate, this resulted in the use of two 5c stamps to pay a single foreign rate plus 5c to obtain the admission of that particular letter into the foreign mail pouch of a specified packet boat after the slated mail closing time.

Generally speaking, the collection of covers can embrace all the following points:

1. Towns of origin.
2. Destinations.
3. Domestic rates including combinations with various other U. S. stamps.
4. Rates on foreign mail.
5. Routes (particularly to various foreign destinations as demonstrated by transit markings, etc.).
6. Combinations with foreign stamps.
7. Incidental markings (e. g.: forwarding agents).
8. Corner card, illustrated, and advertising covers.
9. Fancy and special cancellations.

The collection of the 5c Taylor on cover is not especially popular but its collection with various cancellations off cover is even less favored by philatelists. This is probably due to the fact that the blue color does not show off various markings as well as stamps of other colors like the 2c vermilion (of 1875-1879) and the 10c 1869.

Really unusual usage of the 5c Taylor on cover does exist and it is these items that are greatly sought. Descriptions of three interesting covers follow:

1. From Peru to the United States—1876 (Fig. 2). This letter was mailed directly through the British Postal Agency in Callao, Peru. The stamp (Continental - hard paper) was applied by the sender (handstamp on back) to pay the U. S. foreign mail rate from Panama to New York via U. S. mail steamer.

The British Postal Agency applied the large "12" in black to indicate the amount due (U. S. \$0.12 - GOLD) for carriage by British packet from Peru to Panama. This cover was then transported from Panama City (west coast) overland to Aspinwall (now Colon - east coast) where the black Panama transit mark (PANAMA/18MR1876/TRANSIT) was applied on March 18, 1876. It was then carried by U. S. mail steamer to New York where a black U. S. Port of Entry (NEW YORK/APR/4/X) was stamped on the back. This marking which is in a single-lined circle indicated foreign mail from the south by the single "X".

At the same time, the 5c Taylor on the front of the cover was cancelled with a large, black New York Foreign Mail rosette (Milliken No. 35) and "Due 14" applied to indicate the postage due in U. S. SPECIE.

This discrepancy between the 12c and 14c was due to the fact

that the amount owing would be collected by Britain from the United States in GOLD and by the United States from the addressee in SPECIE, gold being sold at a premium in specie from the time of the Civil War until January 1, 1879.

2. A similar cover in the author's collection bears approximately the same markings but there is also a 10 centavo Peru stamp (Scott's No. 17-1866) beside the 5c Taylor. On this cover, however, the large New York Foreign Mail rosette was not used as the U. S. Port of Entry marking cancels the U. S. stamp. The red Peru stamp paid the internal rate within that country (the letter was probably not mailed directly through the British Postal Agency but required Peruvian carriage to it). Such a combination is extremely rare.

3. Closed Mail via Canada to England—1882 (Fig. 3). This 5c stamp (American - soft paper) paid the regular 5c foreign mail rate to England. Initially cancelled by the black Chicago, Ill., with 12 in grid, on April 5, 1882, to indicate the office of mailing, it is also tied to cover with a magenta Chicago, Ill., dated April 6. This latter mark indicated Chicago as the U. S. Port of Exit.

All mail of this type was placed in a sealed pouch at Chicago and sent via Canada directly to London. Since this obviated any transit markings, when the pouch was opened in England each piece then received the black rectangular box seen at the center top of the cover and was so dated (in this case, April 18, 1882) and numbered similar to registered mail.

The rectangular red London receipt of foreign mail marking was then applied (in this case, London E. C. / PAID / April 18, 1882). This type of carriage to England can always be identified by the magenta Chicago marking and the black REC'D and REG'D box. These markings are uncommon as either they or the special closed pouch via Canada were in use for a relatively short time.

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PAID MARKINGS  
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machine, or by making a zinc etching and then reproducing the cut by electrotyping as many times as desired.

Thus, in any attempt to classify these PAID markings we can only separate them as far as we can see and describe striking differences in what appear to be similar ones.

In studying the plain single word PAID items we find several different styles of lettering have been used. We also find that in most of these different styles there are several different sizes of the letters.

If we were to describe these sizes as we would describe Printers' Type of similar size, we would merely refer to the various type sizes as 12 point; 14 point; 18 point; 24 point or 30 point, as the size might be.

Stamp collectors however use a Millimetre Gauge in making their measurements, so we will use that method.

Since type used in printing is classified in different styles we might best refer to these markings by using the Printers' type style names.

The largest group of PAID's are of the plain Gothic style of type. Next comes the Roman, then the Ionic.

The Gothic is of plain thin or thick lines without any other deviation.

The Roman is a letter with serifs which usually come to a point at their extremities. There is also a beautiful Italic Roman type of the PAID.

The Ionic is a kind with serifs but the serifs are more square cut and blunt, with square cut extremities.

Either of the three types mentioned might come in either what would be called a straight letter or in an italic letter.

If a collector should attempt to gather and classify any of these PAID cancels he would find in a majority of cases that the task would be more simple if he acquired them on cover, because in my listing of the varieties, I will, in so far as possible, give the names of towns from which the different markings are known.

We now get down to the matter of the different varieties of the plain PAID markings. As already stated there are several different styles of type.

I will first discuss the Gothic lettering because these seem to be in the greatest number. I have found ten different PAID's in Gothic that can be illustrated and described so that you should be able to identify them. Under this group I list them as "The Gothic Paid" Types I to X.

Thus in any reference to any of the PAID markings you must use the name of the Type and the Type number as given in Roman characters.

In giving measurements of the overall size, I may vary from 4½ to 5 x 17 to 18 mm. Because of distortion caused by the strike of the cancelling stamp such a variation may occur in the marking from the same Handstamp. Exact measurements are impossible, but if you make due allowance for skidding you should be able to identify your cancel and match it with any of the Types I have listed.

Before closing this chapter it might be best to list the different groups into which I have divided the cancels.

First, there is the GOTHIC PAID. I give this first place because it is the most numerous in variety and being of the type listed under the single word PAID, without further embellishment.

Second, comes the ROMAN PAID of which there are several types.

Third, we have a beautiful ITALIC ROMAN PAID, of which I have seen but a single example.

Fourth, is the IONIC PAID of which there are several varieties.

Fifth, we list the PAID IN OVAL, of which the most common is the well known Boston Paid, of which there are two distinct types, and some other ovals which are quite scarce.

Sixth is the PAID IN CIRCLE, being a circle with the word PAID enclosed in it either with or without additional embellishment.

Seventh, is the PAID 3 IN CIRCLE of which there are two distinct groups, one with the PAID in GOTHIC, the other with the PAID in ROMAN letters.

Eighth, on our list is the PAID in an Arc over the figure 3. This without a circle around it.

Ninth, we have to group other types of PAID under a single heading and perhaps the best name for this group will be FANCY PAID'S. This will include such items as the Bucksport, Maine which some refer to as a flag. We would believe that this might better be called a Banner than a Flag, but since it is so commonly called a Flag we will let it go at that. Other Types which do not readily fit into any of those we have already listed will be included in this group.

Tenth, will be a group which some may like while others may pay no attention to it. This will be that group wherein the word PAID or 3 PAID will be enclosed in the regular cancelling stamp which customarily has name of the Town, the State and the Date.

This type of cancelling stamp seems to have sprung up quite plentifully in this period. It would seem to have been popular because it should be used as a single Handstamp to both cancel the stamp and to give it the PAID marking at the same time, but why they still insisted on having the word PAID in any of the cancels is beyond my imagination.

In this group I would only add those cancels which were used alone on the letter to cancel the stamp. Where such cancels are used off side on the cover and another device of any nature is used to cancel the stamp, I would omit them from this collection because we are first considering PAID markings on the stamp.

Some quite interesting cancels of this type have been found and we are illustrating some of them in the proper chapter.

Eleventh, and perhaps the last group of PAID markings is the oldest of all PAID Markings, The Manuscript PAID. I feel that these are worthy of inclusion in a collection of this nature. Obviously they can not be classified as to Types. Therefore all one can do is to gather a few select examples and be satisfied.

It is to be regretted that in the past it has been the custom of many collectors and dealers to destroy such cancels on this common stamp. This marking on cover however might tell us quite a bit about early postal history in some towns at least and it is thus desirable to retain any copies that may be found, especially on cover.

Other Types of the PAID are known to the author, but thus far I have not seen them on this 3c stamp of 1861 and since this article is intended to cover only such stamps, I am omitting them for the present.

In further chapters I shall discuss and describe these various PAID Markings in such manner as I believe make it possible for

you to identify and classify any you may have, and properly classify them according to my listings.

You can do this by studying the illustrations and my explanations of the outstanding differences.

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KICKING MULES  
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which is in capital letters with serifs (Fig. 2).



Figure 2—Port Townsend Type II

Type III is entirely different from the other types and is a slightly smaller double outer circle and has no inner circle (Fig. 3).

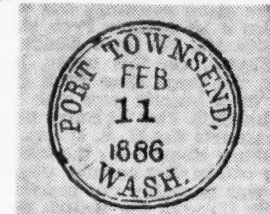


Figure 3—Port Townsend Type III

The Type III Mule was in use only a short time and for that reason it is scarcer than the other types. The Type III Mule is often seen used as a back stamp while the other types are unknown used that way. This special use as a back stamp probably accounts for the mystery of the Kicking Mule on Canadian stamps, as will be explained later in this article.

It should be mentioned that the Port Townsend Type II Mules on cover are by far the most common and the total number of covers known exceeds the combined total of all covers with the other Port Townsend types, plus all of the covers from all other towns using the Kicking Mule.

## The Bushy Tailed Mule

The origin of this Mule seems to be the result of a "favor cancellation" accomplished by the use of a conventional Port Townsend townmark in use in 1890 and a wornout Mule from one of the three original cancellers. Evidence that this was a "favor cancellation" is conclusive, since all known examples are covers addressed to Henry Weinhard, City Brewery, Portland, Oregon and all are dated in September 1890.

On each cover, the town mark is clear while the Mule is blurred and shows evidence of wear. Most of the covers are struck with two Mules at various spacings away from or in contact with the townmark (Fig. 4).



Figure 4—The Bushy-Tailed Mule

The normal killer used with this townmark was a three-ring target and there is at least one known example of the target having been erased and the "Bushy Tailed Mule" applied over the erased cancellation. This probably represents the first attempt to actually fake a Kicking Mule.

## The Second Series Mule

A. Francis Learned, son of Wm. H. H. Learned, became postmaster at Port Townsend a number of years after his father and revived the use of the Mule. This one was without a townmark and was used to cancel registered mail and postage stamps only, since the use of "fancy" cancellers on first class mail was banned by the post office in 1890. This canceller is still in existence, although the original Mule has long since deteriorated and has been replaced by a new one, somewhat similar to the original, for use in connection with a special cachet at Port Townsend in 1938.

Registered covers of the Second Series Mules are rather common and nearly all of them are from the correspondence of three men, Dr. C. H. Gardner, Dr. J. C.

Perry and D. E. Brown. All three men were stamp collectors who used a wide variety of regular issues and various Columbian, Omaha and Pan American commemoratives on their mail. In addition to the Mule cancellation, all Second Series registered covers were always struck on the face with a three-line "REGISTERED" marking in bright green ink.

The use of this Mule to cancel postage due stamps must have been limited since only a few examples of the Mule on postage due stamps are known, including three examples on covers.

The Second Series Mule was occasionally used as a "favor cancel" and this was usually accomplished by striking the cover with the current townmark below the stamp so that the attached killer did not register on the cover, then striking the stamp with the Mule.

Many years after A. Francis Learned was postmaster at Port Townsend, he was postmaster at Port Ludlow, Wash., and there is at least one known use of the Mule at this town as a "favor cancel." The impression of the Mule shows plainly the evidence of wear and deterioration.

## Neah Bay, Washington

The use of the Mule at Neah Bay was suspected for many years because of partial cancel on a block of four 1c War Department, noted in 1926, but it was not until about 1945 that a complete cancel was noted. To date, only three complete Neah Bay covers have been found.

## Goleta, California

Although the Kicking Mule first mentioned in the philatelic press by August Dietz, in 1900, it was not until 1922 that the Mule got a big "boost." In that year, S. J. Jones reported his Goleta Mule in the Collectors Digest and from that time on, hunting Kicking Mules became a popular indoor sport and articles about Mules appeared in every philatelic publication in the country and in at least two stamp publications in Europe.

## Susanville, California

The Susanville Mule is a very desirable item, since only about 20 covers are known. The townmark includes the county name and small asterisks between the two circles of the townmark.

## Forbestown, California

Next to the Port Townsend Type II Mules, the Forbestown Mules are the most common, with a large majority of the known covers originating from the Hunt and Vail correspondences. This Mule was probably in use longer than any other, the known dates of use being from 1885 through 1892. It was frequently used as a backstamp and was also used extensively on registered package receipts. The cancel was struck in black, purple and brown inks. It is interesting to note that all three of the California Mules included the county name in the townmark, making them desirable items for collectors of postmaster and county markings.

## Custer, Dakota

What may be the most rare of all Kicking Mules is a single cover cancelled at Custer, Dak. The townmark and the Mule are, from all appearances, genuine, but unfortunately the stamp is not tied to the cover, leaving the possibility that a stamp struck with a genuine Mule has been affixed to the cover after the original stamp had been removed. Until another cover with the stamp tied to the cover is found, the authenticity of the Custer Mule must remain in doubt.

## Canadian Mules

Two off cover Canadian stamps, 1c, 3d Small Queen, (Fig. 5) are known with genuine Kicking Mule strikes. It is definitely known that the Kicking Mule canceller was never used in a Canadian post office and there is just one logical explanation of its use on Canadian stamps. It is known that Canadian mail passing through Port Townsend received a Port Townsend back stamp and at least one Canadian cover is known with a Type III Mule used as a back stamp.

Since Canadian mail in the "eighties" was delivered to Port Townsend by boat, it is quite possible that letters could have

been taken aboard "outside of the mails" and in uncanceled condition and that these letters could have been cancelled at Port



Figure 5—Mule on Canadian stamp

Townsend with the Mule. Such a practice was rather common and many different foreign stamps are known with U.S. cancellations.

## Fake Mules

So many different fake Mules have turned up in recent years that Mr. Weinhard's efforts in 1890 are insignificant by comparison. No less than 15 different types of fakes have been noted on various stamps including the 3c 1861 and the 10c Confederate, both of which were obsolete several years before the legitimate use of the Mule at Port Townsend and other towns.

Of all of these fakes, only the "Pot Bellied" Mule which has been noted on the 3c 1861 and on various Bank Note issues, can be regarded as a close copy of the original. Fortunately, there are slight differences in size and shape from the genuine Mule and furthermore, every known example of this fake is on a stamp already cancelled with a target or some other killer.

Other types of fakes include a rather crude looking Mule on a previously cancelled 3c 1861, and on an unused copy of a 10c Confederate. Probably the most ridiculous fake is one tying a 10c Confederate to a cover. This fake is not only crude, but the Mule is headed in the wrong direction!

Many of the known fakes were probably made many years ago when the cancellation first became popular and when very little was known about it, but the high prices realized by Kicking Mules in auctions during the past few years may have tempted some people to try to create a scarce and valuable cancellation by applying fake Mules to otherwise next to worthless 19th century stamps.

The information used in this article has been obtained by years of investigation and study by the authors and by the cooperation of numerous collectors in lending their material for study. The authors are grateful for the assistance and cooperation of these collectors and hope that any new finds or information will be reported and added to the existing story of the Kicking Mule.

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The man whose researches discovered the carrier, and sparked the conquest of sleeping sickness, was the subject of a Cameroon commemorative stamp issued November 27. He is Dr. Jamot, a portrait of whom, and a view of a native laboratory, occupy the design.

In the border on each side is a picture of a tse-tse fly which is responsible for the spread of the disease. An airmail, the denomination is 15fr, the colors are dark green, brown and blue.

A first day cover bearing the commem was received through Pierre A. Cubells, 2 Rue des Gravières, Soissons (Aisne), France.

One For Augustine.  
Two For Marshal

A military man, and a saint were the subjects honored with commemorative stamps from two French dominated areas. Algiers produced a 15fr sepia noting the 1600th anniversary of the birth of St. Augustine. A picture of this doctor of the church dominates the design in the background of which are two religious edifices. French Morocco released two in honor of Marshal Lyautey — a 15fr green showing him with Arab leaders, and a 50fr brown in a half-length portrait. They noted the centenary of his birth.

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### Misinformation Given On Israel Revenues

Misstatements regarding Israel revenues has appeared of late, says P. Ostrow.

The misinformation claims that a "first issue" of Israel revenues consists of only three values. Actually, only three values are being offered for sale by the Israel philatelic agency, but many others were formerly in use. From his own personal reference collection, Mr. Ostrow lists the following. He says that other values, unknown to him, may also exist.

**First Issue - Uni-Colored:**—5pr brown (early print); 5pr yellow brown (late print); 7 pr. dark violet, thin paper (early print); 7pr light violet, thick paper (late print); 10pr emerald green; 30pr bright lilac; 30pr light violet; 40pr ultramarine; 60pr slate; 60pr blue slate; 60pr blue slate; 75pr olive gray; 80pr greenish blue; 100pr pearl gray.

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The presentation was made by Bernard Davis, director of the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, where the recent Vatican-Marian Year stamp exhibition was held.

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